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Sir:

This is in response to the "final" Office Action mailed April 2, 2002 in the above-captioned patent application. Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. A precautionary notice of appeal and the appropriate fees accompany this Response.

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 8-10 and 21-28 are pending and stand rejected in the application. The claims remain rejected as allegedly lacking utility, which is the only major issue to be resolved in the subject application. In addition, new rejections of claims 22, 26, and 28 were made in the instant Office Action as allegedly indefinite. The following remarks address these issues in turn.

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